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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated September 29, 2004, having a shortened statutory period expiring on December 29, 2004. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

No Amendments to the claims are presented in this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.